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EXAMINER: (NOT YET RECEIVED)  
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INVENTOR: Erland Lundström  
TITLE: METHOD OF PRODUCING A SHEET STEEL PRODUCT SUCH AS A  
REINFORCEMENT ELEMENT IN A LARGER STRUCTURE

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please enter the following Second Preliminary Amendment in order to place the claims of the above-cited application in better condition for examination.

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1, 2 and 4-10, without prejudice.

Please add the following newly presented claims.

--11. A method of making a sheet steel product comprising the steps of:

providing a steel sheet of a given size;  
providing a tool for holding the steel sheet;  
positioning the steel sheet in the tool;  
heating the steel sheet to an austenitizing temperature;  
hot forming a steel sheet product out of the steel sheet while using the tool;  
hardening at least a portion of the steel sheet product to a hardness;

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